Child Labour (IPEC) in India for the period ending 31st December, 1993.

(c) To ensure proper implementation of the programme, a National Steering Committee (NSC) comprising representatives of Government, employers, workers and N.G.Os has been constituted. For selection of programmes to be recommended to ILO after due scrutiny, the NSC has framed broad guidelines. Programmes recommended by the NSC are considered for approval by the programme Steering Committee of ILO. Funds are released to the organisations directly after they enter into sub-contracts with ILO.

(d) Thirty action programmes covering about 9,600 working children throughout the country have so far been sanctioned under IPEC. These are focussed on children in industries (15 programmes), in agricultural sector (3) and those working in the informal and service sectors (12). In addition to awareness generation meant for the parents of working children and the community at large, the programmes envisage welfare activities such as non-formal education, nutritional assistance, health check-ups and vocational training.

Housing scheme for P. F. subscribers

62. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are launching a Housing Scheme through Local Housing Boards for employees who subscribe to the Provident Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting with I.L.O. officials

63. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the ILO's Deputy Director General Horbert Maier and Ms. Dalmer D. Hoskins, Secretary-General of International Social Security Association met to discuss the new proposals of cooperation between India and the International Labour Organisation, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 8th April, 1993;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof, particularly, relating to the employment generation in the rural/urban area, International programme of elimination of child labour, development of social security institution, and occupational safety measures in plants/refineries; and

(c) whether India has agreed to ratify ILO convention 1990, if so, which are the other countries who have already ratified and also those who have yet to do so ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) Mr. Heribert Maier, Deputy Director General, International Labour Organisation, Geneva and Mr. Dalmer D. Hoskins, Secretary-General of International Social Security Association, Geneva who came to attend the XIII World Congress on Occupational Safety and Health held in New Delhi on April 4-8, 1993 separately called on the Minister of State for Labour on 7-4-93. These were courtesy calls where various issues concerning labour were informally discussed.

(c) There is no "ILO Convention, 1990."

Disputes pending with Tribunals of Delhi

64. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :